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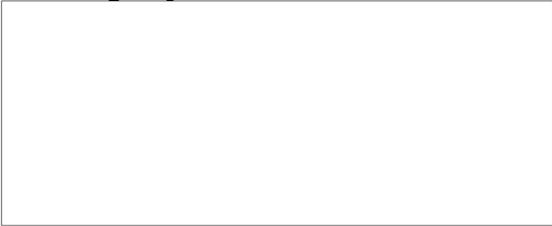
SUBJECT: Letter from Chairman Hamilton re Nicaragua

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1. The attached letter has been received in this office and we are sending it to you so that the DO may prepare a response to Chairman Lee Hamilton. I understand that a very similar letter has been received from Senator Durenberger, which [redacted] will forward to you.

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2. Please note the suspense date levied upon this office by the Executive Registry (22 March). This letter has also been brought to the attention of ALA/DI (Helgerson), and we suggest that a coordinated response be prepared.



Attachment:  
As stated

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March 14, 1985

Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Several recent press accounts cite reports alleging that the Nicaraguan contras have been committing atrocities in Nicaragua.

I call to your attention a March 2, 1985 Washington Post column by Colman McCarthy in which he quotes Dr. Paula Braveman to the effect that "30 health centers have been destroyed or closed because of contra attacks."

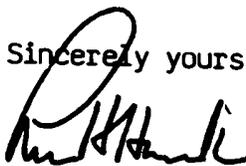
On March 10, 1985, the Boston Globe carried an article from the Los Angeles Times citing reports from two groups, Americas Watch and The International Human Rights Law Group. The latter group's report was written by Reed Brody, a former New York state assistant attorney general, according to the newspaper account.

That report described more than sixteen alleged contra attacks against civilians on farms and villages, five ambushes of civilian vehicles on rural roads, eleven kidnappings and seven rapes. Mr. Brody's report was based on 145 sworn statements from Nicaraguans who said they had witnessed 28 incidents of misconduct by the contras, according to the article.

I would appreciate knowing what intelligence information there is on these alleged incidents.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Lee H. Hamilton  
Chairman